

NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

From the People's Journal.

A FAMILY PICTURE.

My little ones, my darling ones, my precious things of earth. How gladly do I triumph in the blessing of your birth! How heartily for prayer and how earnestly for prayers! I yearn for your loves, my dear delightful babies! Oh children have word of peace; jewels and my gold; My trusty friends till now, and still my trusty friends when old.

I will be everything to you, your playmate and your guide.

Both Mentor and Telemachus, for ever at your side!

I will be everything to you, your sympathizing friend,

To teach and help and lead and comfort and defend.

Oh come and tell me all, and ye shall find me true.

A brother in adversity to fight it out for you!

Yes, sins or follies, griefs or cares, or young affection's thrill.

Fear not for I am one with you, and have felt them all;

I will be tender, just and kind, unwilling to wrong.

I will do all to bless you, typified and by love.

My little ones, dearest ones, live as you stand.

A pretty train of fairies or young cherubs hand in hand,

And each of you all, your names to be a dear familiar sound.

Wherever English hearts and hearts about the world abound.

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Ye lack no little heritage your father's name bequeath.

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Thou thoughtful good example of the loving little bold.

My Ellen, they shall hear of thee, fair spirit, holy child.

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And these my Mary, what of these—the beauty of thy face?

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On more than these—a dew warm heart, that still doth thrill and glow.

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A quiet, sick and suffering child—sweet patient little

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And like a bell thy merry voices ring musical and clear.

And next my Selwyn, precious boy, a glorious young man.

The sensitive, the passionate, the noble, and the kind,

Whose light brown locks bedight with gold, and large

eyes full of love.

And generous nature mingled well the lion and the dove.

The last an infant, toothless one, now prattling on my knee.

—Whose bland, benevolent, soft face is shining upon another silver star upon our calm domestic sky.

Another seed of happy hope, dropt kindly from on high!

This seals up the sum to us, my loved and loving wife.

Be these to us the pleasure and the business of life!

And thou to me—what art thou?—through infamy and truth and youth.

And manhood's prime, as now, my all of tenderness and a happy man, be this my prize—not riches, rank or fame.

A happy man, with store enough—no other lot or name;

A happy man, with you for friends, my children and my wife.—

Ambition is overruled here in all that gladdens life:

You bring me to my happy thoughts and those around me still in woollen robes of Albury, or on my fresh Furze-hill;

And, children, teach your children, too, by righteouslyness to stand.

For thus shall ye inherit peace and blessings in the land

Sunday Reflections in Washington.

Correspondence of the Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 1847.

To-day is the Sabbath. No flags fly from the Capitol and the City is hushed into comparative repose. It is the day on which the King of Peace rises from the grave to warn the world in the light of Love. Only another Sabbath more shall rise upon us, till this Congress of Discord shall pass away, to be remembered only as the worst that has assembled since the inauguration of him whose birthday anniversary returns to-morrow.

This Congress will be long remembered as a Congress of Strife, Disunion and War. It found the world in a happy repose. It broke down the barriers of Peace and opened the kennel from which the war-hounds rushed forth to lap the blood of our fellow men. Almost ever since its auspicious opening, it has been engaged in studying the best means for perpetuating carnage and blood. Peaceful pursuits have been abandoned; Commerce is left to neglect and decay. Thousands upon thousands are called away from the peaceful pursuits of life, to study the accursed arts of War. The busy hum of contented Industry is hushed amid the groans of the dying; and the Congress of a great People is wholly occupied, from day to day, in a perpetual sound of War speeches, as if War were the chief end of Man. How long, oh! Spirit of Love and Civilization! shall this reign of blood and cruelty endure?

In connection with these reflections a thought occurs to me now, which impressed itself strongly on my mind at the time Mr. BENTON made his address on the Lieut. Generalship. The concluding sentence was, if I recollect right, that he would have so conducted this War that the soldier would have had "the battle-storm for his embrace, the field of honor for his bed, and the lofty Cordilleras for his monument and his home." It seemed to me then as if the Devil, who had sent his ghostly agents to ornament his own principles. Against such high authority, and such a lofty pretension, I could hardly suggest that the "battle-storm" is but a poor substitute, for the kindler embrace of a wife and children, around the cottage fire-side. The field of honor is a poor bed, worse than the meanest pallet of straw, particularly when we reflect that the blanket is clotted blood.

Rider and horse, friend and foe, in one red burial-bent, that the pillow is the bodies of dying men, "grovelling for want of burial," and as for the Cordilleras monument, the grass shall not grow green on its top, once the lonely soldier's grave, till his memory rots, or melts among the nameless thousands, whose bones make the rounds of the ladder, by which mad Ambition would climb to the Presidents.

Abhorred be War, and blessed be the Peacemakers! How different shall he feel on the bed of Death, who has gone about doing good, healing the wounds of broken hearts, and pouring on the breast of Humanity the oil of consolation, from him who has spent his fleeting moments of life in scattering premature death and unnecessary misery over a world already too far fallen from the happiness of its pristine state!

I do not doubt, however, it may be necessary to repeat my attack to vindicate truth and to lower the proud crest of lofty usurpation; but we unto them who by whose avarice and ambition the hearts and houses of another people are invaded, and such scenes enacted as would make even angels weep.

Look at our Nation now. We are involved in an unnecessary war. It was caused by the unnecessary marching of our troops from the banks of the Nueces to the Rio Grande, where there was not a Texan woman, child, chitl, slave nor dog, and all done to satisfy the pride of a nation, and of a people from 54 to 40, where the Spanish-spangled banner was trampled upon by the British lion—a disgrace which it is now attempted to cover over with the blood of Mexican women and children.

The city of Boston presented a strange spectacle on Thursday evening last. Perhaps the occurrence did not strike others more so forcibly as it did mine, and therefore I notice it. Two great meetings were held on that evening I see by the papers. One was to protest against the sword and scabbard of an embryo Colossus, who was to go forth into a strange country to kill and plunder those who had never done him harm, who had in fact never heard his name. The other meeting was held to fill the hands of Charity with gifts of benevolence to save the poor, starving Irish from a horrible death and a cold-blooded grave. The meeting called for the purpose of carrying war, and its consequent encroachment into the heart of a sister Republic, was held at the Market-House, and was attended and addressed by Mr. J. H. BROWN & CO., of New York. The meeting for feeding sick and destitute Charities on an errand of mercy, to stay starvation, and feed the famishing, was held in old Faneuil Hall, the Cradle of American Liberty, and was addressed mostly by Whigs. (JOSIAH QUINCY, JR. EDWARD EVERETT, &c.) The Loco-Foco organ of the city of Boston devotes over three columns to the proceedings of the meeting dedicated to the Moloch of War, and only about a quarter of a column to the great meeting in favor of a Nation's Charity to the starving millions of a suffering Ireland. Friends of Humanity, Charity, and Good Will to men! look at this fact. Does it not speak volumes?

There are reflections suggesting themselves upon the occurrence which I refrain from publishing. I will not discuss the matter, whether it is more an object of ambition to secure the murder of a Mexican than to save the life of an Irishman. Nor do I notice it for any party purpose. I want to hold it up as one aspect of the spirit of the age. The meeting to encourage National strife and carnage, is thought worthy of more than half of the whole reading matter of a public journal patronized and read by the heart of Boston—the meeting for a sister Nation, is worth worthy of only a passing paragraph. When the baser passions are to be excited, and Earth assimilated to Hell in the cultivation of fiendish feelings, long reports and rounded para-

graphs are prostituted into the service. When Charity raises her voice of Love, her words die on her lips, and not a sentence her servants utter is found worthy of a place among the passing movements of the day. Surely, surely, the press does not properly reflect the features of the Nineteenth Century! or must we believe that the Spirit of the Age is sunk so low?

Anti-Capital Punishment vs. "Clap-trap."

To the Editor of the Tribune:

The "Courier & Enquirer" of Thursday, 21st ult., designed, no doubt, to give the public a practical definition of "Clap-trap." The printer probably mistook and put the word at the wrong end of the article, or else left out the preposition "by," as the article was evidently written by Mr. Clap-trap himself, though given as editorial matter. It editorial, Gov. Seward's element was to let. It reads:

"Let us to me, though the article can add but little to his credit or will it much detract from it. 'I apprehended sophistry,' 'dishonorable artifices,' 'habitual inconsistency and dishonesty,' 'shallow trick,' &c. are all variety of terms or figures or young cherubs hand in hand, and other such all your names to be a dear familiar sound. Wherever English hearts and hearts about the world about."

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Books.

NEW AND IMPORTANT WORKS.

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